

planted [*the River of May*] , which would have been very hard for them to have done, because they wanted victuals to bring them thither, being 120 leagues off; or else to have remained among the Floriclans. At whose hands, they were put in comfort by a Frenchman who was with them (that had remained in Florida, at the first finding thereof, a whole year together) to receive victuals sufficient, and gentle entertainment, if need were for a year or two, until which time, GOD might have provided for them. But how contrary this would have fallen out to their expectations, it is not hard to judge ; seeing those people of the Cape of Florida are of more savage and fierce nature, and more valiant than any of the rest : which the Spaniards well proved. Who, being 500 men, intended to land there : and few or none of them returned, but were enforced to forsake of the same. And of their cruelty ; mention is made in the book of the *Decades*, of a friar, who taking upon him to persuade the people to subjection, was by them taken, and his skin cruelly pulled over his ears, and his flesh eaten,

In these islands, they, being ashore, found a dead man dried in a manner whole; with other heads and bodies of men. So that this sort of men are eaters of the flesh of men, as well as the cannibals.

But to return to our purpose.

The 14th day [of July], the ship and barks came to the *ifcsus*, bringing news of the recovery of the men ; which was not a little to the rejoicing of the Captain and the whole company. And so then, all together, they kept on their way along the coast of Florida,

The 15th day, they came to an anchor ; and so from 26° to 30° 30' where the French abode, ranging all along the coast ; seeking for fresh water. Anchoring every night because we would overshoot no place of fresh water; and, in the clay time, the Captain in the ship's pinnace sailing along the shore, went into every creek, speaking with divers of the Flondans, because he would understand where the French inhabited ; and not finding them in 28° as it was declared unto him, marvelled thereat : and never left sailing along the coast till he found them ; who inhabited in a river, by them called the River of May, standing in 30° and better.